



IDAHO POTATOES

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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.23 million cwt of 2005 crop raw potatoes during February, down 7 percent from last year. For the 2005 crop, processors have used a total of 42.8 million cwt to March 1, down 4 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 37.5 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.32 million cwt were produced in other states.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2004 AND 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800				
IDAHO Potatoes	2004-05	8,300	14,880	21,060	26,850	32,430	39,630	45,330	51,800	59,230	75,710
	2005-06	5,540	11,780	18,010	24,160	30,490	37,480				
Maine 2/	2004-05			1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06			1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015				
Wash. & Other Area, OR	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,285				
Other States 3/	2004-05			12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06			11,820	15,030	17,980	21,180				
TOTAL	2004-05			70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06			66,010	81,690	96,500	115,280				
DEHYDRATED 4/	2004-05			14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06			12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210				

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

IDAHO POTATO STOCKS DOWN 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 55.0 million cwt, 9.00 million cwt less than on hand March 1, 2005. Disappearance, at 62.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 68.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 3.00 million cwt, down from last year's revised 3.40 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 52.0 million cwt, were 8.60 million cwt less than the amount stored on March 1, 2005.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 154 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2006, down 8 percent from last year and 7 percent below March 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance of 219 million cwt of potatoes is down 6 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 20.1 million cwt so far this season, is down 18 percent from last year for comparable States.

Western States held 113 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, down 4 percent from last year. Both Idaho's and Colorado's potato stocks are down 14 percent from last year. California's stocks decreased 40 percent from 2005. Oregon's potato stocks are up 28 percent from last year, Montana's potato sheds stored 21 percent more than in 2005, and Washington's stocks increased 10 percent from last season.

Central States accounted for 31.2 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 21 percent from last year for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks decreased 2 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks are down 19 percent from 2005, and stocks in North Dakota are 49 percent below last season. Michigan potato stocks are unchanged from the same date in 2005.

Eastern States stored 10.0 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, down 1 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 7 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 86 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES PRODUCTION & STOCKS 2000-2005 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES 1/, 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt							
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	116,975	84,000	74,500	65,000	55,000			
15 States 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	153,700			

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ 13 states for 2005.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MARCH 1, 2005 AND MARCH 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2005 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2006	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,648	1,500	41	3,240	900	28
Colorado	23,791	11,900	50	22,292	10,200	46
Idaho	131,970	64,000	48	116,975	55,000	47
Maine	19,065	9,400	49	15,736	8,700	55
Michigan	13,650	3,600	26	13,920	3,600	26
Minnesota	18,920	8,800	47	17,630	7,100	40
Montana	3,551	2,400	68	3,434	2,900	84
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	3,300	40
New York	5,184	700	14	5,226	1,300	25
N. Dakota	26,765	13,100	49	20,500	6,700	33
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	9,000	46	22,023	11,500	52
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	700	27			
Washington	93,810	29,000	31	95,480	32,000	34
Wisconsin	30,450	10,700	35	27,880	10,500	38
Other States		3,220				
15 STATES 4/	403,587	168,020	42	372,581	153,700	41

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States". 3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ 13 States for the 2005 crop.

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